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In 1894, Mr. Anderson started a crew molding and burning brick from the earth at the foot of the hill south of the cabin. In 1895 a crew started to build the brick home. Sophia and the girls made cheese and butter from milk produced by their cows, and John bought produce from neighbors to sell at Park City in order to raise funds for building. John built barns for neighbors and worked on canals to bring water from Strawberry and Daniel Canyon for the fields. As his son grew older they acquired some range stock and built up a nice herd and farm.

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